

Shared housing bill is topic for OWLs

Farmington Chapter of OWL (Older Women's League) leads off its 1984-85 season with speaker Renee Ross. Ross will talk on "Home Sharing: Alternative Housing," at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10 in the Farmington Hills home of Janet Goode.

Ross's talk is in keeping with one of OWL's goals, which are all aimed at legislation to help America's older woman financially after retirement, death of a spouse or divorce.

Ross is a member of OWL's Detroit East chapter. The chapter has been studying alternative housing, particularly home sharing, for the older woman with a reduced income. The chapter is a leader among OWL chapters in the nation to gather information on alternative housing. The chapter serves women in the five Grosse Pointes.

Ross will share information that her chapter has unearthed, as well as tell about her work as a leader, along with state Rep. Raymond Murphy (D-Detroit), of Inter-Agency Homesharing Task Force. The two are currently working on House Bill B5540, a proposal to establish a shared housing program for senior adults.

VIRGINIA NICOLLE is the newly installed president for the local chapter of OWL, reportedly one of the fastest-growing organizations for women in the country. Born three years ago, OWL moved into Washington, D.C. headquarters early in 1983 for the specific purpose of lobbying.

The group's overall purpose is to bring about an equity in the law which will give women the same retirement income that men receive.

OWL's main targets are inequities in pension rights, access to health care insurance and inequities and inadequacies for women in the Social Security laws.

Most recently OWL pushed for Social Security reform. Sometimes called "earnings sharing," the proposed reform would divide Social Security credits so they could be inherited or split with spouses in the case of death or divorce.

Currently, OWL has joined with



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other organizations to support "Health Action '84," a grassroots campaign aimed at getting every federal, state and local candidate in the November election interested in the health care cost control and quality health care.

OWL is concerned about the recent \$19 billion cut in Medicare and the \$5.5 billion cut in Medicaid.

NICOLLE is a charter member of the local OWL chapter. She has served as its special activities chair and as a contributor to the organization's national newspaper.

She holds a degree in psychology but lists writing as her first love. She is the spokesperson on Social Security reform for OWL in southern Michigan. She also is concerned about better health care access for the older woman.

Nicolle replaces Goode, who served as OWL's chapter-developer in Michigan, and is now serving on the national board of OWL.

All OWL meetings are open to all women of all ages without charge. The Goode residence, meeting site for the chapter's September meeting, is at 26089 Steele, west of Drake Road, north of 11 Mile Road.

club circuit

CHILD BIRTH WITHOUT PAIN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION hosts a film demonstrating the Lamaze-Pavlov method of painless childbirth at 8 p.m. Friday in Sinai Hospital's Zerkman Auditorium, 6787 Outer Drive, near Greenfield. The film will be presented by Flora Hommel, founder, director and pioneer in the field. Donation of \$1 will be asked at the door.

The association's annual family picnic, which includes all babies as well as not-yet-born babies, begins at 11:30

p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, on Belle Isle. Signs will be posted for participants. Donations will be asked.

MOONDUSTERS meet at 9 p.m. every Saturday for a dance party in Livonia Activities Center, 18118 Farmington Road. The parties are open to all singles over the age of 40 from all surrounding areas.

Admission is \$3.50 at the door, which includes dancing to a live band and refreshments.

WISER (Widowed in Service) meet at

8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, in Plymouth Historical Museum basement, on Main and Church streets, Plymouth. The group is sponsored by Women's Resource Center of Schoolcraft College and is open to all widows and widowers in all surrounding communities.

Speakers for the evening is Dr. Janet Sears who will talk about the importance of good eating habits, even while cooking for one.

FARMINGTON BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN invite all interested working women to join the members Tuesday, Sept. 4, in Buggy Works Restaurant, Orchard Lake Road, south of 13 Mile.

Dinner begins at 6:15 p.m. and is optional.

Speakers for the evening, representatives from League of Women Voters and American Association of University Women, are scheduled to begin their program at 7 p.m. They will lead a discussion called "Women and Politics." There is no charge for guests to hear the speakers.

Inquiries will be taken by Diane E. Cutler, vice president of the chapter, at 963-8142 during regular business hours.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, Farmington Branch, begin the new season with an international potluck dinner at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, in First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, Farmington Road and 11 Mile.

Old, new and prospective members are invited. Members will bring an ethnic dish to share and table service. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

Membership is open to all women who hold at least a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.

Interested persons may call Doris Gaston, branch membership chairwoman, at 356-8152 in the evenings for any additional inquiries.

Following dinner a brief talk will introduce newcomers to branch activities, and Sue Silletti, branch consultant and state division secretary will report on state and national activities.

Members of the group's book committee will tell their final plans for the annual Used Book Sale which will run throughout regular mail hours Sept. 13-16 in Livonia Mall.

Womencenter staff host open house

The annual fall open house in Womencenter, on Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus is set for Wednesday, Sept. 5. Women and their children are welcomed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Womencenter is located in Room 308, J Building, on the campus on Orchard Lake Road, south of I-494.

Guests will meet with the staff, volunteers and instructors to learn about the programming scheduled for the fall.

Womencenter is a college-based program which relates to student women, community women and the network of agencies and organization which service women.

Womencenter offers

peer counseling, support groups, short courses, and referrals to appropriate resources. It also plans special programs to inform both the on and off campus community

about issues of importance to women. Women are welcomed into the center on a drop-in basis during regular center hours. Calls of inquiry are taken at 471-7602.

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